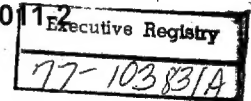




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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thanks very much for sharing your report to the Senate on your successful and effective stewardship of the Select Committee. To begin with, I am most grateful for the kind words you've said not only about my role but the overall performance of the intelligence community. People do need this kind of encouragement today in the wake of the substantial criticism that has prevailed. Your pointing out that in almost every instance where there have been abuses it was not solely the responsibility of the intelligence people is most helpful.

I look forward to discussing with you some of the items in your report which we must work together to bring to fruition. Perhaps we could do that in connection with my providing you the "report card" which you have requested of me. I'm ready for that any time that suits you.

Again, thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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